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A 'Fairy-Tale' Operation

Tofte Hits CIA

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Hans V. Tofte, the veteran intelligence operative suspended last week by the CIA, has likened the performance of some of the Agency's field stations to that of the tailors in Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale, "The Emperor's New Clothes."

The tailors in the story linked the king by creating

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an imaginary costume and then lavishly praising his appearance in it when he was really naked.

Mr. Tofte yesterday said "the performance of CIA field stations" was similar, "... all gestures, but no clothes."

OUTSPOKEN

The 55-year-old Danish-born intelligence agent, who was suspended on charges he had taken home "classified

documents", said "one of my problems is, I think, that I have been too outspoken within the circles of polite bureaucracy around headquarters."

This statement corroborates earlier sentiments expressed by persons familiar with Mr. Tofte's long career with the super-secret Agency.

In essence, they say, his suspension has its roots in a

long-standing feud between the Agencies "operators" — the active agents — and the desk-bound bureaucrats who administer its activities.

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Mr. Tofte said, "I've been constantly objecting to the quality of the Agency's work, and I've urged for improvement of its product."

"That is, I've done everything I could think of to make our intelligence better and more accurate," he said.

He also indicated that he was so over-burdened with his office work he had to take work home with him at night.

He has said previously that the papers found in his